

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends the specification of the present application to claim priority from, and incorporate by reference, the parent application.

This Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 1-42, which were original claims in the parent application, without prejudice. This Preliminary Amendment also adds new claims 43-82, which are similar in many respects to allowed claims in the parent application. For the Examiner's convenience, Appendix A to this Preliminary Amendment contains a listing of the allowed claims in the parent application. The newly added claims in the present application are similar to the allowed claims in the parent application as follows:

Present new claims 43-55 are similar in many respects to allowed parent claims 11-23;

Present new claim 56 is similar in many respects to allowed parent claim 43;

Present new claims 57-69 are similar in many respects to allowed parent claims 29-41;

Present new claim 70 is similar in many respects to allowed parent claim 44;

Present new claim 71 is similar in many respects to allowed parent claim 42; and

Present new claims 72-82 are similar in many respects to allowed parent claims 54-64.

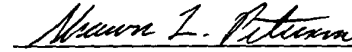
The Applicant asserts that the present new claims are distinguishable over the references of record in the parent case, just as the similar claims of the parent case were found to be distinguishable over such references. Accordingly, the Applicant submits that the present claims are in condition for allowance and courteously solicits an expeditious Notice of Allowability.

Should the Examiner disagree or have questions regarding this submission, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at 312-775-8000.

Please charge any required fees not paid herewith or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

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